(*c*) if so, the nature and extent of the researches that have already been conducted or could be conducted in the Research Laboratory of the Department of Industries?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Investigation of raw materials and industrial processes, giving of technical advice on matters pertaining to chemical industries and doing propaganda work.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Reports of the researches will be found in the annual administration reports and in the departmental bulletins.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the research laboratory is fully equipped to carry on researches?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is attached to the Department of Industries and for such researches as are necessary for the working of that department facilities have been afforded.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) may I know whether the results of all the researches carried on by the Department of Industries could be found in the annual reports?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Such of them as are important are mentioned in the reports.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that except those mentioned in the report no other research is carried on or has been carried on?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say all that. Anything worth mentioning finds a place in the bulletins and reports issued by the Department.

Botany Section of the Science College.

74. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Principal of the Science College recommended the abolition of a Demonstrator's post in the Botany Section when the appointment of an Assistant Professor of Botany was recommended by him;

(*b*) whether the Principal recommended the appointment of two additional Demonstrators when the Government sanctioned the appointment of an Assistant Professor; and

(*c*) whether the Principal has recommended the appointment of an additional Professor, after the Government have sanctioned the appointment of the Demonstrators?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) At the instance of the Principal of the College, the Director of

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Public Instruction recommended under date the 19th July 1926, that one of the Demonstratorships in Botany be converted into an Assistant Professorship in Botany. This recommendation was sanctioned by the Government under date the 14th September 1926.

(*b*) The Principal of the College recommended under date the 7th September 1926 to the Director the appointment of two additional Demonstrators; but the latter recommended to the Government under date the 23rd September 1926, the appointment of one additional Demonstrator. This recommendation was vetoed by the Government under date 18th October 1926. Subsequently, in the Budget Estimate for 1103, the Director made provision for the appointment of an additional Demonstrator in Botany and this provision was allowed and the appointment of an additional Demonstrator sanctioned under date the 12th September 1927.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

Circular to Assistant Conservators of Forests re their powers of appointment.

75. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests has issued any circular to the Assistant Conservators depriving them of their legitimate powers of appointment and stating that he would himself make such appointments; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*). (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

Supply of Text-Books.

76. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the text-books for Vernacular Schools were sent to the offices of the Assistant Inspectors this school year (1928-29); and

(*b*) whether the requisite number of books have been sent to each school?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement* showing the dates on which copies of the Government Malayalam Readers were delivered from the office of the Director of Public Instruction to the persons deputed by the Assistant Inspectors to take charge of them, is laid on the table.

(*b*) When the books are available for sale at the offices of the Assistant Inspectors, pupils purchase copies either direct or through

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